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Dear Dr. Henney,

I have several important concerns:

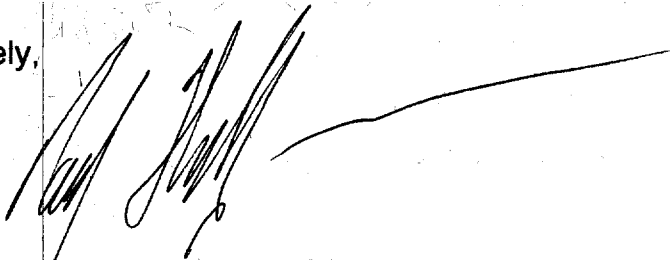
1) Apparently the FDA knows about the dangers of **NutraSweet** (a Monsanto product). There is a report within the FDA that points out the extreme problems for the body generally and for diabetics specifically. This material is NOT A FOOD. It is a chemical, and when it interfaces with body chemistry, it creates wood alcohol. The latter can cause blindness in the short run and death later on. The lobby prevented Senator Metzenbaum's bill warning the public about these dangers from getting through. You and the Surgeon General must therefore speak out. National health is your agenda. Please let me know your position on this matter.

2) I also want to be heard on the subject of genetically engineered foods from seed stocks that have been altered. Again, the lobby is powerful. There must be safety testing AND there must be complete, accurate, and prominent labeling. I know your position on this matter and want to raise an objection.

As you know, the FDA made the decision not to label transgenic foods. Hopefully you are aware of the litigation challenging this action. I hope you are also aware of the same feelings that are being expressed throughout Europe.

These are most serious issues that involve the health of U.S. citizens for whom you have a direct responsibility. Please, therefore, act responsibly.

Sincerely,



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